

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with corrected paragraph [0001] below:

**[0001]** This invention ~~application~~ is a division of and claims priority ~~[[to]]~~ of the earlier-  
filed application having serial number 10/045,123 filed on 11/09/2001, now U.S. Pat.  
No. 6,658,833. This application also relates to continuation-in-part application  
10/846,029, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,904,742 B2, and to divisional application 11/145,289  
filed 6/3/2005. This invention ~~relates~~ applies to an apparatus for collection and reduction  
of yard debris in thick layers and deep piles.

Please replace paragraph [0139] with corrected paragraph [0139] below:

**[0139]** In the possibility that the carryover was simply a momentum effect, the  
collector rotor speed was reduced in half – from 276 to 138 rpm (with a rotor peripheral  
velocity of ~~[[433]]~~ 542 feet per minute, or ~~[[4.9]]~~ 6.16 miles per hour). The carryover of  
nuts, shells, and other dense debris almost completely stopped. The raker blades with  
positive rake angle were re-installed, and the carryover was still absent, while virtually  
complete removal of leaves and other debris from the lawn was achieved.